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Afghanistan Vaccination & Immunisation Centre

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Madam, Sir,

Late october, **AVICEN**, on behalf of **Afghan Rural EPI** (Program of Vaccination) was launching an **Emergency Appeal for Afghan Children Survival**, aiming to offset the consequences on children mortality of the UN financial difficulties and support cuts.

In the meantime, most of the operational/technical HQ staff of AVICEN (including 3 international experts), along with **two trucks of vaccines and equipment**, was leaving for Central and Northern Afghanistan, in order to organize the departures of several EPI teams to the North.

We recently received message and photographies from the **Field Headquarters set up in Bamyan**, dated october 31, 1990, which confirmed our fears : vaccines, syringes, needles, refrigerators, registration materials are not sufficient to cover the needs. Therefore, it is becoming urgent for us to know which assistance we can rely upon, after our appeal.

Also, we received the preliminary results of an extensive survey performed by **Integrated Development Group**, a NGO associated with AVICEN in Central Afghanistan. The survey consisted in a systematic interview of all the inhabitants of several deprived villages.

The outcome is dramatic : **the average mortality rate among under-5 children is 579 per 1000 births.** That means that more than the half of the children are dying before reaching 5 year. In one village, the mortality rate is a real nightmare : **713 deaths per 1000 births**. 25 to 40% of all these deaths could have been easily prevented through administration of vaccines.

Whatever assistance you can provide will be warmly wellcome, provided it is delivered to AVICEN **before the passes are completely closed :** the main infrastructures have been built up by AVICEN, we only need to send vaccines and equipment in the pipeline.

Truly yours,

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AFGHAN CHILD SURVIVAL. Emergency appeal.

Madame, Sir,

For the current year 1990, UNICEF Peshawar unexpectedly has a budget deficit which does not allow them to fullfil their contractual agreements with some of their implementing partners. As far as AVICEN is concerned this amounts to the substantial sum of US$ 182.801 (see copy letter Leif Rosenhall, project coordinator of UNICEF APO Peshawar attached).

The immediate consequence of this is a shortfall of vaccines and other essential equipment as of mid-November.

Although the survival of AVICEN is not at stake, the consequence will be a suspension of activities of many vaccinator teams, at least for several months, because of a lack of essential inputs.

This means that thousands of Afghan women and children will not be vaccinated and immunised. The impact of demotivation on our field staff is much harder to calculate but no less serious.

In order then to finish the year and to give us, and UNICEF, the time to ascertain funds for 1991, we lauch this emergency appeal for funds for essential equipment.

Our minimal estimation amounts to Rs. 2.841.020 or approximately 129.137 US dollars.

The Afghan rural EPI is a well established, and demand-driven, priority programme, which merits your support.

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AFGHAN CHILD SURVIVAL ACTION - EMERGENCY APPEAL

BUDGET

1. Vaccines and dissolvant

	quantity	price/unit Rs	total cost Rs
DPTP :	50.000	14,146	707.300
measles	100.000	2,530	253.000
BCG	50.000	1,243	62.150
tetanos	130.000	0,506	65.780
TOTAL			1.088.230

2. Injection material

	quantity	price/unit Rs	total cost Rs
1cc	150.000	1,832	274.500
2cc	250.000	2,2	550.000
5cc	10.000	1,6	16.000
24Gx3/4	200.000	2,2	440.000
TOTAL			1.280.500

3. Registration material

	quantity	price/unit Rs	total cost Rs
registers	40	136	5.440
cards	100.000	0,45	45.000
TOTAL			50.440

4. Cold chain equipment

	quantity	price/unit Rs	total cost Rs
RCW 42 (fridges)	10	16.870	168.700
covers	10	1.300	13.000
vaccine carriers	25	500	12.500
Tempkey	10	4.340	43.400
sensors	25	570	14.250
gasbottles	100	1.700	170.000
TOTAL			421.850
GRAND TOTAL			**2.841.020**





AVICEN trucks arriving in AVICEN/AFGHAN RURAL EPI OFFICE, BAMYAN.

BAMYAN Budha seen in the background.



An international AVICEN Expert supervises the operation.





Unloading of vaccines, equipment and energy sources.

Builtup of a field EPI CENTER for Northern Afghanistan.

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2 Oct. 1990

APO/AVICEN/PAK

Dear Philippe

This has reference to your letters dated 19 September and 30 September 1990.

We are very sorry to inform you that, unfortunately, only limited funds are available right now. Therefore, at present we are not in a position to discuss the still un-allocated balance of $ 182,801, which we regret. We are currently in touch with our headquarter in New York to obtain additional funds. If we are successful, you will be notified accordingly.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the signed Project Agreement carries the clause "UNICEF support is subject to availability of funds".

We do hope the funding situation will improve.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Leif Rosenhall
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IDG/UNICEF AREA-BASED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Demographic Survey - Analysis and Evaluation

SUMMARY OF VILLAGES

Total population --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---		1 196
Total number of male population --- --- ---	(50.25%)	601
Total number of female population --- --- ---	(49.75%)	595
Total number of families --- --- --- --- --- ---		237
Overall Infant Mortality Rate --- --- --- --- --- ---		579
Village with minimum Infant Mortality Rate --- --- ---		428
Village with maximum Infant Mortality Rate --- --- ---		713

Prevalent causes of death:

Abscess	1	Premature	9
Cancer	1	Smallpox	1
Cholera	1	Stillbirth	11
Diarrhoea	7	Stomach Ailment	1
*Diphtheria	9	*Tetanus	3
Heart	2	Throat Infection	1
Hepatitis	1	*Tuberculosis	6
Influenza	16	Weakness	1
*Measles	64	*Whooping Cough	32
Nervous Disorder	19	*Polio	-
Pneumonia	90	Unknown	119

*WHO target diseases

Defects (Deaf, Mute, Blind, Retarded, Nervous Disorders, Stroke, Heart)	5% of the total population	57
Education: Formal School (mektab)	4.7% of the total pop.	56
Religious School (madrasa)	7.8% of the total pop.	93
Occupation (other than agriculture)	5.4% of the total pop.	65
Landless families --- --- ---- --- --- --- --- ---		14%
*Landholding --- --- ---	see individual village statistics	
*Animals --- --- ---	see individual village statistics	

*Poverty in all villages is absolute and egalitarian

Barbara Bill

Barbara Bill, IDG Anthropologist

EMERGENCY APPEAL

AFGHAN CHILDREN SURVIVAL

WINTER OPERATION

1990-91



by AVICEN

on behalf of AFGHAN RURAL EPI

Peshawar, november 1990